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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RESTRAINTS ON KOREAN EXPORTS

SUMMARY: ROKG-GOJ AGREE ON LOOSE, INFORMAL ESTRANT ON KOREAN EXPORTS OF KIMONO CLOTH TO JAPAN. OTHER CURRENT PROBLEMS INCLUDE RAW SILK AND TUNA SALES. ROKG BEGINNING SHOW CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF GROWING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN JAPAN. END SUMMARY

1. VISIT OF GOJ DELEGATION LAST WEEK PRODUCED VERBAL AGREEMENT ON PART ROKG TO INFORMALLY RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF OSHIMA TSUGUMI KIMONO CLOTH TO JAPAN TO ABOUT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL (APPROXIMATELY 40,000 ROLLS WITH VALUE OF \$7 MILLION.) HOWEVER, ROKG REPORTEDLY DECLINED GOJ

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PROPOSAL THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS

TO EXCHANGE STATISTICS AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN  
TEXTILE TRADE.

2. OTHER AREAS WHERE SOME GOJ RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS  
CURRENTLY IN EFFECT INCLUDE RAW SILK AND TUNA SALES.  
UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN MARCH ON TUNA SALES, LIKE  
ARRANGEMENT ON KIMONO CLOTH, GENERALLY VIEWED AS  
POLITICAL GESTURE FOR JAPANESE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION  
THAT EXPECTED TO HAVE MINIMAL PRACTICAL EFFECT.  
ESSENTIALLY, KOREANS HAVE AGREED TRY TO REDUCE  
INSTANCES OF KOREAN VESSELS CALLING DIRECTLY IN  
JAPANESE PORTS TO SELL CATCH. PROBLEM COMPLICATED  
BY FACT MANY OF THESE VESSELS ARE FORMER JAPANESE  
VESSELS OPERATED BY KOREAN FIRMS UNDER MARKETING  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH JAPANESE TRADING FIRMS.

3. SILK PROBLEM MORE SERIOUS. GOJ STATE TRADING  
AGENCY, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TEMPORARY IMPORT  
MONOPOLY, STOPPED IMPORTING RAW SILK LAST AUGUST  
WHEN DOMESTIC PRICE DECLINED BELOW CUT-OFF POINT.  
AFTER TAKING SOME ADDITIONAL IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY,  
EMBARGO ON IMPORTS HAS BEEN RESUMED. ROKG CONSIDER-  
ING TAKING ISSUE TO GATT IF SATISFACTORY SOLUTION  
NOT REACHED BY TIME IMPORT MONOPOLY FOR STATE  
TRADING AGENCY DUE EXPIRE MAY 31.

4. WHILE NOT UNDULY ALARMED OVER SPECIFIC GOJ  
ACTIONS TO DATE, ROKG IS BEGINING SHOW CONCERN  
OVER REPORTS OF GROWING PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN  
JAPAN, PARTICULARLY IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY. ANY FURTHER  
APPROACH BY GOJ FOR AD HOC RESTRAINTS LIKELY TO  
MEET INCREASINGLY STIFF OPPOSITION. WITH TRADE  
DEFICIT OF \$1.2 BILLION WITH JAPAN IN 1974 (EXPORT,  
F.O.B., IMPORT, C.I.F. BASIS), PRESSURES ON ROKG  
TO RETALIATE AGAINST IMPORTS FROM JAPAN WOULD BE  
VERY STRONG.  
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